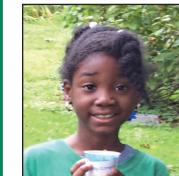


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## ERHS JCL Teams Came, Saw, Conquered State Competition

by Melissa Sites



PHOTO BY MATTHEW MOORE

The ERHS freshman team poses before a Certamen (Latin competition). Front, from left: Ryley Komisar-Bury, Andrea Fontaine and Rebecca Gardner. Back, from left: Jan Lapira and Annika Olson

Eleanor Roosevelt High School won big at the Maryland Junior Classical League (JCL) State convention held recently in Easton, Md., with the teams from ERHS sweeping the novice, intermediate and advanced levels. The mission of the National JCL ([njcl.org](http://njcl.org)) is "to encourage an appreciation

of the language, literature, and culture of ancient Greece and Rome." Eleven of the two dozen JCL member schools in Maryland schools were represented at the state convention.

Of the two-day event, ERHS

See JCL, page 7

## Violent and Property Crimes Decrease in 2018, Police Say

by James Giese

This information was included in the Public Safety section of the City of Greenbelt Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

In 2018 serious, or Part I, crime in Greenbelt decreased 9 percent, down from 920 reported incidents to 840. Serious crimes include murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, larceny and auto theft.

### Violent Crime

Violent crimes of murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assault involve the element of

personal confrontation between the perpetrator and the victim; consequently, they are considered more serious crimes than property crimes because of their very nature. The total number of violent crime was 117 incidents, which comprised 14 percent of all crime. This is a decrease of 2 percent from the previous year. The majority of violent crime, 73 percent (85 incidents), occurred in Greenbelt West, 16 percent

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PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Children enjoy the annual egg hunt organized by the city at Buddy Attack Park. See more photos on pages 7 and 15.

## City Council Reviews CARES: Space, Budget, Achievements

by James Giese

CARES is a youth and family counseling service provided by the city. Many of its professional counselors are volunteers. Another part of CARES is Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) which provides help to seniors to enable them to stay in place as they age.

### Space Needs

The most serious problem faced by Greenbelt CARES is lack of space. CARES Director Liz Park told the Greenbelt City Council at a budget review work-session on April 3 that a previ-

ously authorized half-time volunteer coordinator had not been hired because of lack of physical space to put the person. CARES case files are jammed in a room not much bigger than a closet, she said. That problem will be lessened by the conversion of paper files to electronic files. State regulations require that they be kept for five years or, for youths, until the client turns 21.

Assistant City Manager David Moran told council that the space problem was being worked on and that it was a part of the

Capital Projects budgeting. Possible space being considered for expansion of city office needs is the ground level of the Community Center, once the school cafeteria, and most recently used for an adult day care program that proved financially unsuccessful.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts objected to the Community Center being used for offices. He felt the city had a commitment to use the space for expansion of community use and

See CARES, page 11

## Earth Day 2019



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Getting a jump on Earth Day, Greenbelters from Earth Squad elementary and middle schoolers (in green T-shirts) led by Maggie Cahalan of CHEARS joined forces with ERHS students, Public Works staff, city councilmembers and others along Indian Creek trail. See story on page 10.

## Critical Missing Person Project Seeks Solutions to Wandering

by Jamal Williams

Este artículo está disponible en español en nuestra página web [www.greenbeltnewsreview.com](http://www.greenbeltnewsreview.com).

### What Goes On

**Saturday, April 27**

**9 a.m. to Noon.** Electronics, Styrofoam and Paint Recycling, Public Works Yard

**9 a.m. to Noon.** Shredding Event, Parking Lot Behind the Credit Union

**Sunday, April 28**

**2 to 4 p.m.** Dr. Alvin Thornton, Blueprint for County Public Schools, Community Center

**Monday, April 29**

**7 p.m.**, Budget Worksession, Recognition Groups, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, May 1**

**7:30 p.m.** Budget Worksession, Planning and Economic Development, Community Center

Waynette Trammell, a Greenbelt resident, knows first-hand about the difficulties that come with taking care of someone with a mental disability. "The biggest frustration you have is agitation because the person taking care of the impaired can't see what's going on in their mind. You also experience resistance. When they get familiar with their caregiver, they are skilled in trying to get their mission done by any means necessary," said Trammell.

As a caregiver to her mother who has sundown syndrome (a set of Alzheimer's-related symptoms), Trammell can recall various moments her behavior drastically changed as soon as the sun went down. "It's like she's a different person. She pays no attention to what she's wearing, the weather outside or who is in front of her. Whatever is on her mind has completely taken over."

Trammell believes early memories from childhood and adult-

hood can be the emotional key that jump-starts her imagination. "My mother once walked from Greenbelt to Rhode Island Ave., in northeast D.C. with a cane and footies on. As a child she used to walk about 13 miles to and from school. She doesn't feel pain; it's as if something that caused her fear she never dealt with is brought up as she begins to wander."

Trammell is not the only caregiver experiencing the hardships that come with caring for someone with a mental disability. Greenbelt has had an increase in wandering citizens who have autism, developmental disabilities, Alzheimer's disease and other forms of cognitive impairment.

In 2018, five people wandered away from their homes between April 6 and September 9. That is five times the number of wandering residents in 2017, according

See MISSING, page 12

# Letters to the Editor

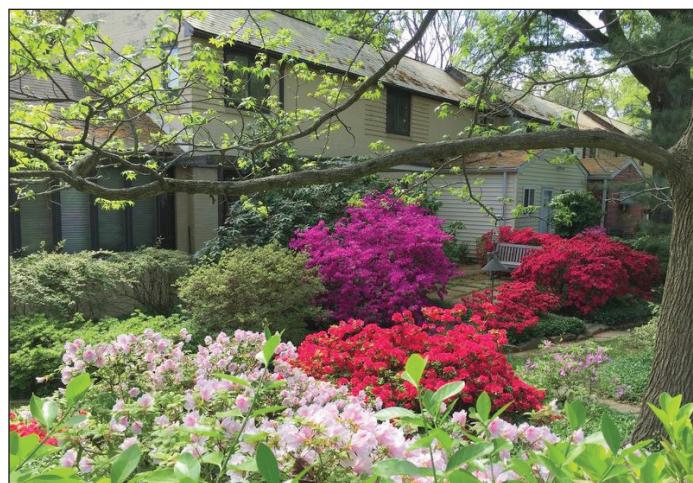
## More on Police

I was intrigued by the response of Karen McFarland to Martha Heil's letter concerning the composition of the Greenbelt Police Department. For the most part those of us who live in the Center of Greenbelt and many who live in Greenbelt East have had positive experiences with the department.

However, there is definitely a problem when the vast majority of traffic citations are given out to people of color, African Americans and Spanish speaking residents. There is also a problem when a parent whose son is wrongly accused of a crime is allegedly told that she can expect certain harassment by police because she lives in a predominantly Black area, Greenbelt West and Franklin Park.

Caucasians have always seen police in a positive light, while many people of color do not. It is more than just having qualified officers, it is also having respectful and professional officers who approach each individual as a human being first and foremost. Many people of color are very wary of Caucasian police officers because they fear for their lives. That is not the experience of the vast majority of white people. I think that Ms. Heil was trying to address that reality and other inequities.

Lola Skolnik



Azaleas bloom in GHI.

PHOTO BY SUSAN HARRIS



Tulips are blooming in Greenbelt.

PHOTO BY STEVE BUCCA

## On Screen

### Amazing Grace After a 47-year Wait

The live recording of Aretha Franklin's 1972 Amazing Grace album in Watts, Los Angeles, finally sees the light of day. With the New Bethel Baptist Church choir, this behind-the-scenes documentary concert takes place over two nights, offering up music that constantly straddles the genres of gospel and rhythm-and-blues. This transcendental performance is extraordinary and there is no other word to use. Essential viewing for those who revere this woman's music. See Aretha in all her glory.

G. Running time 87 minutes

- Judy Bell

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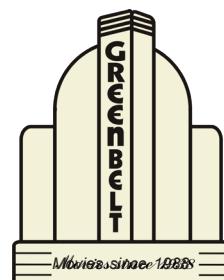
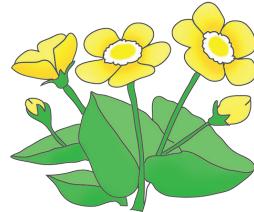
## Well Deserved

I was very pleased to see the story and picture of members of Greenbelt's Recreation Department at the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association (MRPA) conference (April 18 issue). The awards presented to current and past department employees are well deserved. Greenbelt is incredibly fortunate to have such dedicated and hard-working professionals providing us with a wide array of recreation, art and outdoor activities and leisure services. Remember when you are enjoying all these amenities, you have recreation professionals to thank.

Lola Skolnik

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## SHOWTIMES

April 26th - May 2nd

AMAZING GRACE (G) (CC)  
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Fri. 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 PM

Sat. 3:30, 5:30, 7:30 PM

Sun. 3:30 (OC), 5:30, 7:30 PM

Mon. 5:30, 7:30 PM

Tues. 5:30, 7:30 PM

Wed. 3:30, 5:30 PM

Thurs. 5:30, 7:30 PM

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(103 mins)

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- Greenbelt News Review, February 11, 2016

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# Community Events

## City Nature Challenge From April 26 to 29

Citizen science comes to Greenbelt with the City Nature Challenge, a project of the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and the California Academy of Sciences. From April 26 to 29, anyone in the DC metro area is invited to photograph local wildlife both animals and plants, note the location and upload their photos to iNaturalist, a global database. Cities across the world compete to see which city can share the most observations. The photos will help scientists understand urban biodiversity. For more information, visit [citynaturechallenge.org](http://citynaturechallenge.org).

## Thoughtful Discussion At Community Center

Where does "private" end and "public" begin, when it comes to expectations of privacy? Can an activity become public if it's done at an unobstructed window of a home where any passerby can see? If smart phones can see and hear everything that happens in their vicinity, is any place truly private?

The MakerSpace discussion group that meets at the Community Center will look into these issues on Tuesday, April 30, at 7 p.m. Those wishing to share their thoughts on the topic should check the schedule on the white board for the room number.

## Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday evening, April 27 starting around 9 p.m. and continuing for two hours at the City Observatory at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see galaxies, many of which are now high in the sky, through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. As always, visitors are welcome to set up their own telescopes on the hill.

Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

## Toastmasters Open House

Interested in public speaking or leadership development? Greenbelt Toastmasters will have an Open House on Wednesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Greenbelt Community Church located at 1 Hillside Road. Light refreshments will be served. Visitors are welcome.

## Homeschoolers Hold Monthly Meet-ups

Families with babies, preschoolers and school-aged children (through 12th grade) are invited to meet on the first Tuesday of each month, 3:15 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library to discuss summer and fall homeschooling and summer plans.

The group will meet in the children's section so kids may play or read nearby.

Bring ideas and enthusiasm. New families are welcome. The group aims to create ways to better support one another.

Note: This is not a library-sponsored event.

## Student Showcase At New Deal Café

A student showcase of the arts will take place at the New Deal Café on Saturday, April 27, from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. See performances by Eleanor Roosevelt High School Music and Theatre Students, FIDM Fashion Show, and an art display. There will also be an art reception at 3 p.m.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition Food and Friendship program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals must be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208 ext. 4215.

All meals, which provide at least one-third of Recommended Dietary Allowances for older adults, include margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for the week of April 29 are as follows:

Monday, April 29: Baked meatballs with marinara sauce, whole grain rotini, Capri vegetables, Italian bread, fresh fruit, orange juice.

Tuesday, April 30: Honey balsamic chicken thigh, mashed spiced yams, broccoli, wheat bread, pineapple tidbits, apple juice.

Wednesday, May 1: Baked chicken with Creole sauce, lima beans, California vegetables, wheat bread, tropical fruit, grape juice.

Thursday, May 2: Stuffed salmon with dill sauce, corn, Brussels sprouts, wheat bread, applesauce, cranberry juice.

Friday, May 3: Pork roast with gravy, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, applesauce, cranberry juice.

## Forest Preserve Hike On Saturday, April 27

Come on out and head into the woods as we celebrate the arrival of spring in Greenbelt's forest with a one hour, moderate difficulty level morning hike on Saturday, April 27 at 11 a.m. Please wear boots or other appropriate hiking footwear and long pants. Dress for mud and wet conditions, and bring water. Meet at Northway extended. For more information email [greenbeltpreserve@gmail.com](mailto:greenbeltpreserve@gmail.com).

## Greenbelt Time Bank Hosts Social May 5

The Greenbelt Time Bank social and finger food potluck is scheduled for Sunday, May 5 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park. Both members and non-members are welcome.

Learn how to earn hours by supporting the time bank, while helping it grow and thrive. There will be fun activities to help identify talents and needs and to find other members with whom to exchange.

Potluck finger foods are encouraged and appreciated but not required. This is a Zero Waste event, so bring a plate, napkin, cup or water bottle and utensils. RSVPs not required, but are greatly helpful for planning.

Questions? Call 240-473-3497 or email [Greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com).

## Golden Age Club May Schedule

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club meets every Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. All Greenbelt seniors are invited to join our group.

May 1: Business Meeting  
May 8: Bob Luddy, presentation on the Civil War  
May 15: Pot Luck and Birthday luncheon; bring a dish to share  
May 22: BINGO  
May 29: Fifth Wednesday Tea Party; bring tea cup and a snack to share

## Greenbelt Park Trail Day Set for April 27

Join the first Greenbelt Volunteer Trail Crew Day 2019 on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. Call 301-344-3944 between 8 a.m. and 3:45 p.m. to sign up. Wear proper clothes and shoes for working on the trails. Have fun in the outdoors and help make a difference for the nine miles of Greenbelt Park's trail system.

Student Conservation Association volunteers will not be involved in the Trail Crew Volunteer Day Saturday, April 27. Ignore the Eventbrite signup at [earthdaygreenbeltpark.eventbrite.com](http://earthdaygreenbeltpark.eventbrite.com).

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit [nps.gov/gree](http://nps.gov/gree).

## Celebrate World Tai Chi, Qigong

World Tai Chi & Qigong Day is a global wave of goodwill providing a vision of hope and healing as people from different cultures, religions and every corner of the earth are all moving and breathing together on Saturday, April 27 at 10 a.m. worldwide. Join fellow Greenbelters and others as they celebrate the health and healing power of Tai Chi and Qigong. The local celebration of this event will be held in front of the Greenbelt Library and will be led by Taj Johnson of Sky Valley Tai Ji ([skyvalleytaiji.com](http://skyvalleytaiji.com)).

All are welcome, the event is free of charge, participation is encouraged and no Tai Chi/Qigong experience is required. Plan to arrive by 9:15 at the grassy area in front of the Library. Depending on the field/weather conditions, the event may be moved to the Community Center Gym. For more info about World Tai Chi and Qigong Day see [worldtaichiday.org](http://worldtaichiday.org).

**More Community Events are located throughout the paper.**

## Dr. Thornton Returns To Talk about Schools

Dr. Alvin Thornton, chair of the Prince George's County School Board, will talk on a Blue Print for Maryland's Future in Education on Sunday, April 28, at 2 p.m. Dr. Thornton realized during his presentation for Black History Month in Greenbelt, that there was a great deal of interest and concern about schools in this county and wanted to return to provide some ideas and insights. Parents want to improve the learning environments of their schools and want Prince George's County Public School system to be more competitive.

All parents and stakeholders are invited to attend this event. It really takes a village to build an excellent school system. Let's listen and work together to make Prince George's County Public Schools shine.

This program is sponsored by the Advisory Committees on Education from Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights and the Greenbelt Black History Month Committee. The event will take place at the Greenbelt Community Center.

## Writers Group Meets On Friday, April 26

The Greenbelt writers group will meet on Friday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. All writers are invited to attend. The group will discuss poetry as well as plans for presentations at the June meeting during Peace Month. Come and bring something to read Friday or just join in the conversation.



## GATE

### Program Schedule

Friday Apr 26 - Thursday May 2

7 am	Greenbelt News Reel
8 am	Democracy Now!
9 am	Classic Film: John Garfield <i>They Made Me a Criminal</i> (1939)
11 am	Democracy Now!
12 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
1 pm	Strata Conquistadors (Archaeology)
2 pm	Democracy Now!
3 pm	Classic Film: John Garfield <i>They Made Me a Criminal</i> (1939)
5 pm	Strata Conquistadors (Archaeology)
6 pm	Greenbelt News Reel
7 pm	Democracy Now!
8 pm	Classic Film: John Garfield <i>They Made Me a Criminal</i> (1939)
10 pm	Democracy Now!
11 pm	Greenbelt News Reel

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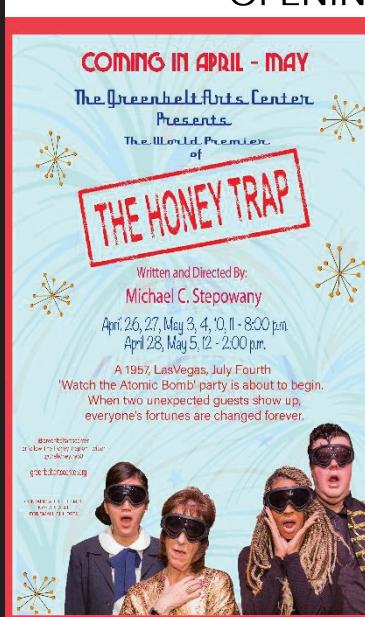
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\$22 General Admission,  
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## COMING SOON:

May 18 – Declaration - by Eleanor Roosevelt High School  
June 1 – Cabaret Night – produced by Jeff Lesniak

June 14 – 23 – Cat on a Hot Tin Roof - by the Rude Mechanicals

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# Obituaries

## Gail Sue Phillips



PHOTO COURTESY OF NANCY PHILLIPS-LISOOK

Gail Phillips

was truly happy to be with family and then back in Greenbelt, she shared some of her experiences with her many friends.

Gail graduated from high school and from community college in Bethlehem, PA, majoring in business. In her late twenties she moved to Maryland and lived in Greenbelt for nearly 40 years. She worked for most of that time at Goddard, retiring about eight years ago. One of her goals in recent years was to become Bat Mitzvahed, a goal she achieved five years ago.

In Greenbelt, Gail enjoyed good friends, walking buddies, Scrabble, plays, reading, swimming, community classes, and volunteering. She volunteered at the Greenbelt News Review as a proofreader, among many other projects.

My husband and I are saddened by the loss of our beloved sister, but our grief is lessened by the outpouring of affection from those who have known Gail.

Nancy Phillips-Lisook

### Memorial Service

There will be a memorial gathering for Gail Phillips at Mishkan Torah on Sunday, May 5, at 2 p.m.

### Obituaries

The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.

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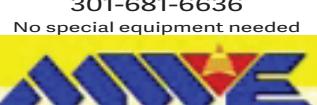


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A cherry tree blooms outside Greenbriar condominiums.

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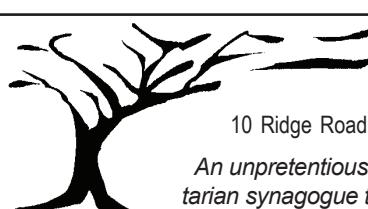


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## County HR Commission Condemns Act of Hate



Condolences to friends and neighbors of Gail Phillips, who died suddenly and unexpectedly last week. She was a member of Mishkan Torah, on the staff of the News Review as a proofreader for over five years and lived in 2 Court Northway for 40 years. Private services will be held in Pennsylvania at a later date.

Condolences to the friends and family of John Guernsey, who died this week. He was involved with the Claude Jones band, taught music, worked on local musicals and played piano regularly at New Deal Café.

Congratulations to Sally Davies, who was awarded the 2019 Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Award for Painting. A panel of out-of-state jurors reviewed the submissions of all applicants in this category and recommended her for this prestigious award based solely on the artistic excellence of her artwork. The IAA Awards Ceremony will be on Saturday, June 8 as the concluding event of the first Maryland Arts Summit at University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org

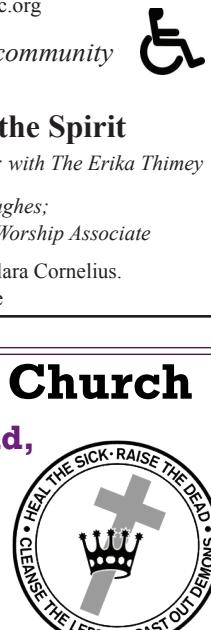
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community  
April 28 10 a.m.

#### Annual Dance Service: Healing the Spirit

The Paint Branch Chalice Dancers, Sharon Werth, Director; with The Erika Thimey Dance Company;  
Guest Artists: Mary Amato and Allison Hughes;

Rev. Rachel Christensen, Minister; and Mary Rooker, Worship Associate

Featuring the poetry of Rumi and the artwork of Clara Cornelius.  
Artist reception following the service



### Christian Science Church

8300 Adelphi Road,  
Hyattsville, MD

God is my salvation. Is. 12

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Church Service 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday meeting 7:30 p.m.



**GREENBELT  
BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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Intolerance  
Wednesday, May 1  
7:30PM

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# City Information & Events

## MEETINGS FOR APRIL 29- MAY 3

Monday, April 29 at 6:30pm, **COMMUNITY ANIMAL RESPONSE TEAM (CART)** at Greenbelt Police Station.

Monday, April 29 at 7:30pm, **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)** at Greenbelt Police Station, 550 Crescent Road. On the Agenda: Training Opportunities, Trailer Organization Day, and Upcoming Events

Monday, April 29 at 7:00pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - RECOGNITION GROUPS** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, April 30 at 3:30pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent. On the Agenda: FORA/GAIL Update, Widowed Persons Update

Wednesday, May 1 at 7:30pm, **BUDGET WORK SESSION - PLANNING/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**, at Community Center, 15 Crescent. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 & 996, and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)

**The schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, and Youth Advisory Committee. Info: 301-474-8000

## ZERO WASTING THE GREEN MAN FESTIVAL



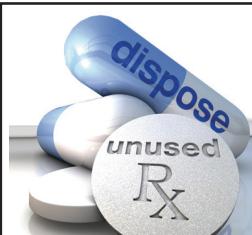
**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!  
May 11 – May 12**

Help the City of Greenbelt with keeping the Greenbelt Green Man Festival green!

Volunteers will stand near sets of waste bins to help festival goers recycle the recyclables, compost the compostables, and trash the trash.

The festival will be held at Roosevelt Center  
101 Centerway Greenbelt, MD

We will be glad to sign any community-service forms! Please sign up for the time slots that you will be available at [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4caaad2fabff2-zero](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4caaad2fabff2-zero)



## DEA PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK DAY

**Saturday, April 27, 10am-2pm**

**At two locations:**

**Greenbelt Police Department**  
550 Crescent Road and  
**Springhill Lake Recreation Center**

6101 Cherrywood Lane

Dispose of any unused, unneeded, and expired prescriptions in a safe manner.



## Parent's Night Out

Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road  
Friday, May 10, 5:30-8:30pm  
Activity #233222-3

Children ages 4-12 enjoy art activities and a pizza dinner while you have a night out!

\$20 Greenbelt residents/ \$25 non-residents

## BIKE TO WORK DAY 2019

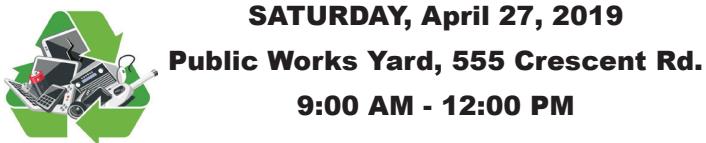
Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center parking lot  
101 Centerway

**Friday, May 17, 6:30am-8:30am**

Commuter Connections and the Washington Area Bicyclist Association invites you to join over 20,000 area commuters for a celebration of bicycling as a clean, fun and healthy way to get to work. Refreshments will be provided to registered participants arriving by bike. Register at [biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://biketoworkmetrodc.org); Pit Stop Manager: Di Quynn Reno, 240-542-2053.

## ELECTRONICS, STYROFOAM, AND PAINT RECYCLING

**SATURDAY, April 27, 2019**



**Public Works Yard, 555 Crescent Rd.**

**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

### Electronics Recycling!

Accepted items include: TVs, CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, laptops, recording equipment, speakers, scanners, surge protectors, wires and power cords, fax machines, cameras, telephones, radios, DVD players, VCRs, batteries taped on one end.

**ALSO, expanded polystyrene (block "Styrofoam" #6)**

NO Cups, Egg Cartons or Food Trays.

**PLEASE CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS OVER 50 LBS.**

### Paint Recycling!

Cost—\$5 per container. DO NOT mix paint in other containers. In order for paint to be properly used, the contents on the inside need to match the label on the outside. If you are unable to attend the event, you may hire this service directly to come to your home for an additional \$50 service fee. Yuck Old Paint, LLC 888-509-9825 (YUCK) [www.YuckOldPaint.com](http://www.YuckOldPaint.com)

**Questions? Greenbelt Sustainability Office 240-542-2153**



## BLUEPRINT FOR THE FUTURE OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**Sunday, April 28**

**2-4 p.m.**

**Greenbelt Community Center**

**15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770**

**Featuring: Dr. Alvin Thornton**

**Chair Prince George's County  
Board of Education**



**Moderators: Members of the Education Advisory Committees of Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights**

We encourage parents, teachers, principals, Parent Teacher Associations and school board members to attend this event. It really takes a village to build an excellent school system.

Let's listen and work together to make Prince George's County Public Schools shine.

**Sponsors: the Advisory Committees on Education from Greenbelt, College Park, Berwyn Heights, the Four Cities Coalition, and the Greenbelt Black History Month Committee**



**Greenbelt Egg Hunt 2019 Golden Egg Winners:** 3rd Grade – 4th Grade: Sophia Hammer;  
18 Months – 3 Years: Gracyn Kahn, 4 Years – Kindergarten: Kennedy Howerton;  
1st Grade – 2nd Grade: Jayden Jones

## SHREDDING EVENT

**Saturday, April 27  
9 AM – 12 NOON  
(or until the truck is full)**

The Greenbelt Federal Credit Union will be shredding your documents in the parking lot behind the Credit Union at 112 Centerway

Only 5 file boxes/bags per person. Must be present for shredding; abandoned boxes/bags will be put in the trash.

Personal records only (no business). No contaminants accepted. NO BATTERIES. No plastic binders and sheets.

For more information, call the Sustainability Office at 240-542-2153

## DONATION DROP-OFF

Green Drop Charitable Donations

<https://www.gogreendrop.com/acceptable-items/>

Every second and fourth Saturday of the month

Next one: Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon or until the truck is full

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt

Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

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[@cityofgreenbelt](https://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)  
For City information and events visit [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov)

## The Honey Trap Opens at GAC

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents the world premiere of The Honey Trap, a comedy written and directed by local playwright Michael Stepawony. The play opens this weekend and continues through May 12, with shows on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m.

The Honey Trap takes place in a Las Vegas hotel room on the Fourth of July, 1957, as people gather to watch an atomic bomb test. The cast of characters include a showgirl, her boyfriend, a Colonel and his secretary. As the festivities begin, an FBI agent arrives, followed by the Colonel's wife. The complicated plot includes Russian spies, ghosts, and an atomic bomb blast all woven together in a door-slapping comedy.

Stepawony grew up in Prince George's County and graduated from NYU's School of the Arts. He wrote several plays before The Honey Trap, including two musicals for young audiences that

were performed throughout the County parks. He is influenced by Tennessee Williams and August Wilson, and says that he "prefers a play with a single setting and complex dialog." The Honey Trap takes place entirely within a hotel room, but there are times when all six characters speak at once. His latest play, "The Olive Fig Tree," was given a staged reading at the Kennedy Center "Page to Stage" festival.

The saying The Honey Trap is a Cold War era term. It describes the KGB tactic of training voluptuous female spies to attain 'pillow talk' from unsuspecting Americans.

For tickets and to find out about other productions coming to the Greenbelt Arts Center, visit greenbelartscenter.org. Content Warning: This show contains adult themes and is not suitable for young children.



PHOTO BY KIMBERLY CURREN

From left: MK (Joy Liu), Beatrice (Joy Gerst), Flo (Tawny Rucker), and Mort (Brian Stepawony) are awed by an atomic blast.



## Kindness in Action: Spring Cleaning

Random Unselfish Acts of Kindness (RUAK) has begun its next community-wide project: Spring Cleaning. RUAK has undertaken to clean each street in Greenbelt. It has already cleaned Boxwood Village, Greenbelt Station and Greenbrook communities.

Those interested in helping make Greenbelt sparkle should contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at spreadruak@gmail.com or 301-345-8755.

RUAK is always looking for new ideas to connect, to be kind, and to be more inclusive with a smile, a wave, a compliment. Share stories and experiences of kindness and neighborliness by sending them to spreadruak@gmail.com.

## Craig Scholarship Deadline Is April 30

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund (DCMSF) application deadline is Tuesday, April 30. This local scholarship is available to all ERHS seniors. One recipient has been selected each year since 1986.

The current scholarship, for \$10,000, is paid over a four-year period. This year's recipient will be presented the first payment of \$2,500 at the ERHS senior awards ceremony on Monday, May 20 in the school Auditorium.

To apply or to learn more about the fund, visit davi-craigmsf.blogspot.com or call 301-474-7874.

## GHI Seeking Volunteers For Storm Water Study

Greenbelt Homes' (GHI) Stormwater Management Task Force (SWMTF) is beginning a thorough study of stormwater management issues in GHI and is seeking volunteers to help with research.

One of the task force members is currently doing research in conjunction with the Maryland State Climatologist's Office, a service of the University of Maryland (UMD) Department of Atmospheric and Oceanographic Science, and the UMD Earth System Science Interdisciplinary Center. The goal of this research project is to map non-tidal flood risks in Maryland and rate them from highest to lowest flood risk impact.

The first step in the project is to launch a pilot study to map and rate non-tidal flood risks, with GHI planned as the pilot site. This will be useful to the SWMTF in developing a master GHI stormwater management plan and in writing funding proposals to address high-risk areas.

Non-tidal bodies of water are those that drain upland areas and are not influenced by coastal and tidal processes, including rivers, streams, creeks and other small flowing waters. Flooding can also occur in localized low spots, even if the area is not adjacent to a body of water.

The SWMTF is recruiting GHI members and other volunteers to assist with any one of three activities, which can be done in

the volunteers' spare time on a flexible schedule.

The first activity is a literature search. For this, the task force is recruiting volunteers with a background as research librarians who have access to a research library and the ability to obtain and send electronic copies of full PDFs of the research papers identified as useful. Previous experience in scientific library research is preferred.

The second activity is to search for funding opportunities and to develop a list of organizations and contact persons who are working on flood risk mapping in non-tidal regions. Previous experience in grant writing is a plus, but not required.

The third activity is a search of previously completed non-tidal flood risk management modeling. For this activity, the task force is recruiting volunteers with experience working with geospatial models, including ESRI ArcGIS.

Attendance at SWMTF meetings for anyone volunteering to assist with this project is entirely optional, but welcomed. The task force meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Board Room of the GHI Administration Building.

Anyone interested in volunteering for any of these three activities, or anyone with questions, can contact the SWMTF Chair, Jim Cohen, at jimcohen@umd.edu.

## GREENBELT AMERICAN LEGION POST 136 RESTAURANT

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### May's Monthly Specials

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
While you are here enjoying a lunch or dinner, look into how you too could join the Legion, Sons of the American Legion or the Ladies Auxiliary. By joining you can participate in many different events and activities at the Post throughout the year. Visit us on the web at <a href="http://www.greenbeltdmtpost136.org">http://www.greenbeltdmtpost136.org</a>			1 <b>Lunch:</b> Hot Pastrami Sandwich <b>Dinner:</b> Spaghetti and Homemade Meatballs	2 <b>Lunch:</b> San Antonio Taco Salad <b>Fried Chicken Nite</b>	3 <b>Lunch:</b> Cajun Catfish <b>Dinner:</b> Beer Battered Haddock	4 <b>Crab Imperial</b>
5 Commander's Café Seafood Pasta Or Ham and Cabbage	<b>MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET</b> 	8 <b>Lunch:</b> Steamed Shrimp <b>Dinner:</b> Petite N.Y. Strip Steak	9 <b>Lunch:</b> Meatloaf Platter <b>Rib Nite</b>	10 <b>Lunch:</b> Shrimp Scampi <b>Dinner:</b> Broiled Jumbo Lump Crab Cake	11 <b>Pot Roast</b>	
12 <b>MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET</b> <b>NO BREAKFAST</b>	Deep Fried Chicken, Steamship Round of Beef, Roast Pork Loins, New Potatoes, Buttered Spinach, Broccoli & Cauliflower Blend, Buttered Succotash, Pasta Salad, Salad Bar & Soup du Jour  Dessert Bar Featuring: Large Selection of Cakes and Pies	15 <b>Lunch:</b> Lasagna with Garlic Bread <b>Dinner:</b> Stuffed Pork Chop	16 <b>Lunch:</b> Steak and Cheese Sub <b>Fried Chicken Nite</b>	17 <b>Lunch:</b> Broiled Crab Cake <b>Dinner:</b> Broiled Salmon	18 <b>Chicken Parmesan</b>	
19 Commander's Café Fried Shrimp Or Meatloaf Platter	<b>Adults - \$16.95</b> <b>Children - \$7.95 (11 and under)</b> <b>Children 4 and Under, No Charge</b>  1:00 PM - 4:00PM  Reservations for 5 or more accepted, contact the Manager at (301) 345-0136 ext. 1	22 <b>Lunch:</b> Ham Salad Sandwich <b>Dinner:</b> Honey Glazed Chicken	23 <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Salad Sandwich <b>Rib Nite</b>	24 <b>Lunch:</b> Shrimp Salad Cold Plate <b>Dinner:</b> Rockfish Stuffed with Crab Imperial	25 <b>Steak 'n' Shrimp Platter</b>	
26 Commander's Café Broiled Scallops Or Bourbon Glazed Pork Chops	<b>HOURS OF OPERATION</b>  Saturday: 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sunday: 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Breakfast) Sunday: 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (Dinner) Monday & Tuesday: Closed Wednesday & Thursday: 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM Friday: 11:00 AM - 8:30 PM	29 <b>Lunch:</b> Chicken Walnut Salad <b>Dinner:</b> Pork and Sauerkraut	30 <b>Lunch:</b> Rueben Sandwich <b>Steak Nite</b> <b>Two (2) different cuts are offered</b>	31 <b>Lunch:</b> Flounder Florentine <b>Dinner:</b> Seafood Platter	Thank You For Your Service! 	

## JCL continued from page 1

Latin teacher Matthew Moore said, "This year's leadership did a spectacular job getting all the teams organized, trained-up and focused. Amelia Komisar-Bury was the co-consul so she was the general responsible for our success and the really enjoyable trip we had this year."

Komisar-Bury stated that the club "spent over a month of Wednesdays creating art pieces, setting up campaigns, and going over logistical strategy for the convention. On the Certamen (certamen is Latin for competition) side, we just kept up our weekly practice to make sure that our teams were ready." She added, "Latin has easily doubled my vocabulary. In addition, I have greater knowledge of biological and legal terms than the majority of my peers due to my experience with classical roots."

Certamen is a trivia competition that includes the Latin language, Greek and Roman mythology, classical literature in Latin, and Roman history. According to junior Mika Kretzmann-Clough, questions might include "how did this historic figure die, grammatical construction, you might have to correctly phrase the answer in Latin, general information about a work, where or when was this author born or who was the author who covered the lives of bees" (the answer is Virgil).

Moore described the event as a "full weekend of classical culture to celebrate it all and have fun with it." Nineteen ERHS students traveled to the event, which featured a number of different types of activities including field games such as capture the Helen, golden apples race, ultimate discus, gladiatorial combat and building a catapult to hit a cyclops. Many ERHS students did well in academic testing, including three first places. Creative arts include making dioramas out of Peeps, or doing dramatic interpretation where students are judged at how well they can recite a specific story in Latin (this year's story was about a werewolf from Petronius' Satyricon).

ERHS first year student Rebecca Gardner enjoyed the weekend, stating, "My favorite moment was right after the Certamen finals when we realized we got first place. We spent weeks working on various projects like the Peeps diorama and the catapult. We also built the weapons for the gladiator tournament and practiced with them. Latin makes my academic experience a lot better because I know I can go to people in the JCL if I ever need help with work or advice on what classes to take in the future." Another first year student, Ryley Komisar-Bury, enjoyed the dramatic interpretation, "when you memorize a passage in Latin and recite it dramatically. It was really exciting. I was also kind of nervous, though, because it was a new experience. It motivates me to actually study things and advance my work ethic, and learn things outside of school, especially in Certamen and JCL. I also get really excited when it helps me with finding Latin derivatives in English class."

The novice (first year Latin) team was led by Andrea Tucker-Fontaine, with Rebecca Gardner, Ryley Komisar-Bury and Anika Olson. The intermediate (second year) team captain was Edward Wisniewski, with Michael Deras



From left: Christopher Wakhanala, Amelia Komisar-Bury and Sam Ludlam compete at the advanced level.



Sam Ludlam (seated) operates the winning catapult.



From left: Minh Nguyen, Edward Wisniewski and Michael Gomez compete as the intermediate team.

- Photos by Matthew Moore

Gomez and Minh Nguyen; a second intermediate team was led by Rosario Navarro, with Irene Moy, Kelly Han and Nathalie Trouba. The advanced (third year and advance placement) team captain was Mika Kretzmann-Clough, with Mary Chavez and Christopher Wakhanala. Kretzmann-Clough is the newly elected state president of the Maryland Junior Classical League, with Trouba as vice president and Deras Gomez as parliamentarian for the five-member state board.

Moore reported that JCL is second only to the Boy Scouts in size for youth organizations around the world, "You go to a convention and you want to keep going, you see people who value and get excited by the same things. Everybody has a place there. If you have an obsessive interest in the minutiae of republican Rome, a talent for art, you're ridiculously organized – this is a home for people in

public school so they have a place to go to and belong. This is why I want to do things like JCL and why I like Latin, because it gives everyone a place to be."

He added that ERHS Principal Reginald McNeill is so supportive of Latin that other teachers in the region are jealous. Besides supporting JCL and Latin activities, the school paid for 103 students to take the Latin exam, so that 50 earned commendations, including one with a perfect score, a feat managed by only 0.8 percent of students. The Prince George's County World Languages Department has awarded the seal of biliteracy to five ERHS students with language proficiency standards of 4 and above.

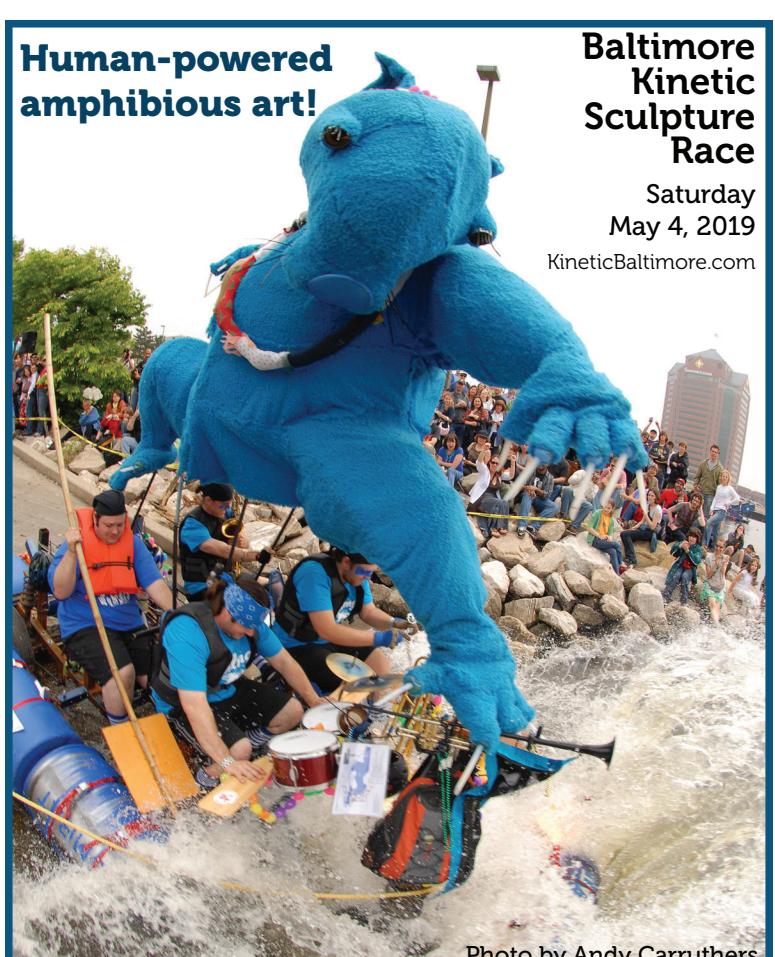
ERHS hosts a competition once a year, but students go to compete at other locations about once a month in nearby locations in Maryland and Virginia.

## Annual City Egg Hunt



- Photos by Beverly Palau

**Baltimore Kinetic Sculpture Race**  
Saturday May 4, 2019  
KineticBaltimore.com



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# General Government Budget Proposed for Fiscal Year 2020

by Diane Oberg

The General Government account in City Manager Nicole Ard's proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) provides, essentially, for the administrative needs and overall management of city government.

The \$3.73 million budget represents 12 percent of total city budget. Three sub-accounts are responsible for over 60 percent of the general government budget: Finance with 22.6 percent, Administration with 21.1 percent and Information Technology (IT) with 20.3 percent. The remaining sub-accounts in decreasing order of funding are Community Promotion, Human Resources, Legal Counsel, City Council, Economic Development, Municipal Building, Public Officers Association and Elections.

The proposed budget for General Government is up nine percent over last year's budget (13.4 percent over estimated FY19 expenditures.) No new positions are requested. The Greenbelt City Council and city management met on March 27 to review this budget.

Staff is proposing several changes that council appeared comfortable with. All employees will be required to have their paychecks direct-deposited into a bank account and an electronic timesheet system will be implemented.

The city is also close to rolling out financial software (e-gov) that will permit remote payments for city services. IT Director Dale Worley reported that the new document management system has been implemented in Human Resources. Next up is the city manager's office.

## City Council

This budget proposes expenditures of \$148,200 compared to \$140,800 in the adopted budget for the current fiscal year, with most of the increase attributed to employee benefits.

## Administration

The Administration account funds the city manager's office with proposed expenditures of \$787,600. Management objectives include updating the Greenbelt Road Corridor Improvement study and continuing to oppose the maglev train and the widening of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Capital Beltway.

## Economic Development

This appears as a separate account for the first time. It has one employee and proposed expenditures of \$125,900. The management objectives include developing and implementing a comprehensive strategic plan to meet the city's economic development goals, developing marketing and business assistance tools and identifying and providing technical assistance to businesses looking to start or expand in Greenbelt.

In addition, it funds \$25,000 in the Special Projects Fund to create a revolving loan account available to Greenbelt businesses with the goal of attracting new business and improving the viability of existing businesses.

## Human Resources

This is another new account starting with the FY20 budget, having been split off from the Finance budget with proposed

expenditures of \$344,000. The management objectives include forming an employee group to update performance appraisals and continuing the scanning of employee files into the document management system.

## Finance

Expenditures in this account, proposed at \$844,200, are down from the current year due to the creation of the Human Resources account. Aside from the technical initiatives mentioned above, a major management objective is succession management in preparation for the retirement of city Treasurer Jeff Williams.

Resident Molly Lester asked council to consider changing its policy of paying departing employees for any unused sick leave. She doubted that this policy is comparable to what city residents get. She suggested that this change could be limited to new employees.

Ard noted that it is important to look at the whole package of benefits, not just leave policies.

## IT Department

As the name suggests, this department is responsible for providing IT technology and communications to all departments in the city. In addition to maintaining and replenishing the computers and other information systems (such as phones) the department keeps abreast of current technology and develops security measures to protect the city's information systems.

Proposed expenditures total \$758,300, up from \$710,000 in the adopted budget for the current fiscal year. Its management objectives include expanding the city's document management system, beginning systematic camera upgrades, updating the IT Strategic Plan, and participating in cable television negotiations.

Worley is also working with Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly

Palau to develop a request for proposals for a feasibility study for a city broadband system. His department is also working with Greenbelt Recreation regarding the computer lab at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. He suggested that the city consider replacing the computers in the FY21 budget.

Palau, who earlier mentioned that this meeting was the first to be broadcast live from the Community Center, asked what the city would do regarding signers for the Wednesday worksessions if that is to be the city's policy. She said that Granicus, the vendor that provides the software for the existing cable broadcasts and streaming, is currently comparing the costs for signers compared to the cost of captioning the broadcast. Worley reported that in addition to the Community Center the city should be able to broadcast live from the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

## Public Information

In addition to conducting negotiations with the city's cable providers, the Public Information and Community Promotion area funds the city's communications with city residents through social media, the city's municipal access television channels, news articles and press releases and the city's website. Proposed expenditures total \$349,000 that is completely offset by the \$390,000 that the city receives from cable franchise fees from Verizon and Comcast.

Management objectives for FY20 include working with the Economic Development Coordinator to improve the business area of the website and promote businesses, increasing the number and types of informational newsletters sent out using GovDelivery, streamlining the cablecasting and streaming of off-site city council meetings and increasing social media use. GovDelivery is the system allowing residents to subscribe to various newsletters and other information.



A Red Winged Blackbird hangs out at the pond across from the Greenbelt Post Office.

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Total compensation for completing the study is ~\$75-\$90.

Contact the Hearing Research Lab  
301-405-7454; [hearingresearch@umd.edu](mailto:hearingresearch@umd.edu)

# Local Author's "Encyclopedic" New Book Rocks and Rolls

by Jim Link

It's no surprise to his many friends to hear Mark Opsasnick called a Greenbelt legend. Insatiably curious, Opsasnick has written books on a variety of topics, from local rock and roll to horror legends. This past January, Opsasnick released his magnum opus, Rock the Potomac: Popular Music and Early-Era Rock and Roll in the Washington, D.C. Area.

Born and bred in Greenbelt, Opsasnick attended Eleanor Roosevelt High School and then graduated from Maryland University in 1984 with a B.A. in urban studies. He recently retired from the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services after 28 years as a case worker.

His most recent book boasts over 800 pages of history and encyclopedic knowledge. It's a labor of love, a browser's delight, a rock fan's addiction. He includes a few Greenbelt musicians who made a big splash over the years, including Rick Ransom of Donnie and the Diablos, Terry Gleason, Joe Martone, Richard Tipton and Jim Colby. Ransom and the Diablos frequently played at the Greenbelt Youth Center, the American Legion Post 136, the Greenbelt Armory and St. Hugh's Catholic Teen Club. Ransom, as the astute reader will recall, was Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 2016.

Other rockin' Greenbelt biggies include Ron Bushy, the drummer for Iron Butterfly, whose 17-minute drum solo in In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida (1968) is arguably rock's most famous drum solo. Bushy grew up in the 7 Court of Southway. Seth Justman, keyboardist for the J. Geils Band, grew up at 3 Court Crescent Road.

Opsasnick serves up plenty of fascinating legends, lore and anecdotes about local rockers like Danny Gatton, Jorma Kaukonen (Jefferson Airplane, Hot Tuna), Root Boy Slim, Catfish Hodge, Link Wray and Eva Cassidy, among myriad others.

Rock the Potomac "is a literary project that dominated my



PHOTO BY MARK OPSASNICK

**Mark Opsasnick**

life for over a decade," said Opsasnick. "It's a relief to be finished. In my humble opinion, this is a unique book; nobody else has done our local rock history on such a comprehensive scale."

When asked whether it was time for him to rest and relax, he replied, "Not really. As a writer I always have ideas. Once it's in your blood you can't get rid of it. I'm always going to be writing about music, particularly topics of local music," he said.

Rock the Potomac is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and local outlets like Books-a-Million. He ended our interview with a tease: "Stay tuned for a book release party at the New Deal Café, coming soon."



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## 7:30pm Thursday May 9

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email [GHI.NominationsAndElections@gmail.com](mailto:GHI.NominationsAndElections@gmail.com)  
or call N&E Chair Tom Jones: 301-474-6001



# City Council Cleans Trail For Earth Day Celebration

by Ashley Edwards

Earth Day is celebrated annually with the goal of demonstrating support for environmental stewardship through a host of activities and events. On April 13, the City of Greenbelt actively participated in the Earth Day festivities with a trash cleanup along the Indian Creek trail. The event welcomed 33 volunteers from Earth Squad, the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and Eleanor Roosevelt High School students as well as partner organizations Alice Ferguson Foundation, CHEARS and CCRIC. This event was also a part of Alice Ferguson's 31st annual Potomac Cleanup that is hosting 300 cleanup events this month.

Volunteers; Mayor Emmett Jordan; and Councilmembers Judith Davis, Silke Pope, Colin Byrd and Ed Putens showed up to a table full of fresh bagels and coffee. After Jordan presented the Earth Day proclamation, volunteers posed for pictures and eagerly took to the trail to clean up trash that had been deposited there by people and stormwater. The portion of the Indian Creek that runs by the Indian Creek Trail is a braided stream system that floods during times of heavy rain. This flooding deposits trash onto the surrounding forest floor. The volunteers found no shortage of trash and recycling items along the trail and in the surrounding forest. At the end of the day, 144 pounds of trash and 209 pounds of recycling was removed.

Ultimately, this cleanup was just one of Greenbelt's many events that promote environmental stewardship throughout the year. Upcoming opportunities can be found on the city's website <https://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/government/departments-con-t/public-works/green-volunteer-opportunities>.

*Ashley Edwards is an intern with the Public Works department.*

- Earth Day photos by Beverly Palau



Greenbelt community members clean up trash along the Indian Creek trail.



Greenbelt public works staff wait to receive the trash.



Judy Kendall (left) and Lesley Frank load and spin the sifter as they harvest compost.



Pumpkins from the Halloween Pumpkin Walk await their return to earth.

## Contribute Time and Scraps To Springhill Lake Compost

by Hally Ahearn

The Hots community composting group invites Franklin Park and Greenbelt Station neighbors to share in bringing food scraps to contribute to a community compost pile.

The group's name, The Hots, comes from the natural process called hot composting, where browns (carbon) and greens (nitrogen) are mixed with water, which causes the mixture to heat up quickly. The hot-composting process breaks down the brown wood chips provided by Public Works and the green food scraps that families provide to make compost rapidly.

Currently, about 25 individuals or families recycle their food scraps and enjoy creating and using compost to grow food and flowers. Joining involves completing an online application and attending a training session held at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

The Hots will host a training session on Saturday, April 27 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and another one from 3:30 to 5 p.m. To join, fill out the form at [tinyurl.com/GBCapp1](http://tinyurl.com/GBCapp1).

At the training, members learn how to drop off food scraps and then add in wood chips. That is the magic formula that creates

good compost. Members also learn more about the hot-composting process and how to use compost to grow their outdoor gardens, balcony gardens and houseplants. Everyone learns how contributing food scraps benefits the environment and helps stave off climate change.

Individuals or families who join are encouraged to volunteer too, to help with the work and to participate in the activities and learning experiences that make this a community project. Work days are held on Saturday mornings. The outdoor work involves some shoveling and sometimes some sifting; others are needed to water and help out in other ways. All abilities are welcome. Kids are encouraged to participate too. The group has kid-sized tools for them to use.

Normally, food that goes in the garbage goes to the landfill, where it creates methane, among the worst of the greenhouse gases. Food scraps that are returned to the earth as compost help to save the planet and to grow food, flowers and houseplants right near home.

Anyone who is interested and wants to know more may contact the group at [GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com](mailto:GreenbeltNeighborhoodCompost@gmail.com).



CHEARS summer Earth Squad members Xavier Gloster, Ta'niyah Derrington, Evesa Wright, Jeanaya Edmond and Dominic Gloster (in front), help test compost.



Debbie Bustin (center), her niece Karina Morris and nephew Kein Morris add water to the compost bin.

- Hot composting photos by Hally Ahearn

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that the city should seek space elsewhere.

Councilmember Edward Putens advocated having employees do more office work at home. He said his government agency found employees to be more productive working in a home environment instead of in an office.

### Budget

The proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget for CARES is \$806,300, which is \$23,000 less than the budget for the current year, but \$31,000 more than estimated expenses for the current year. Of the budgeted amount, \$751,900 is for personnel expenses for the full-time equivalent of 7.1 employees. Anticipated state and county grants which the city expects to receive next year for the program total \$95,000 with the balance of funds needed coming out of city tax revenues.

The proposed budget indicates that CARES will provide counselling to 150 clients during the year, of which half will be under 18 years of age. The service also expects to provide GED training to 40 clients and do group counselling sessions with 100 teens and 50 adults. Another 150 persons will be contacted by crisis intervention services and there are expected to be 50 youth drug and alcohol assessments. This averages to a budgeted cost of about \$1,500 per client but does not take into consideration other services CARES may provide. The program also expects to have 12 volunteer interns serving a combined 50 hours a week and five interns in the vocational and educational programs serving 12 hours a week.

The council did not discuss or question any budget expense proposal.

### Achievements

The budget lists several pages of accomplishments and activities for the year. Some of note are: graduate interns conducted

two anger management seminars; preparation courses and financial literacy classes were offered to GED students; coordinated tutoring services for youth were provided at a Saturday morning "drop-in" program and an after-school tutoring program at Springhill Lake Recreation Center as well as English as a Second Language classes for adults; participated in the 1st Look Volunteer Fair and Stampfest at the University of Maryland in order to educate college students about service-learning opportunities and encourage experiential learning with volunteer programs; and recruited and trained new tutors from the University of Maryland for the drop-in tutoring program (tutors from the local community also participated).

Crisis intervention counselors provided immediate counseling and follow-up contacts to over 200 individuals and families facing issues such as victim of crime, suicide, death of family member and community crisis. These counselors also participated in Fall Fest and the Celebration of Spring events offering participants information on CARES and area resources. The eviction relief volunteer worked with over 40 individuals facing eviction and provided information and referral resources, as well as monetary assistance for some from the Emergency Relief Fund.

Staff also utilized the Dispute Resolution and Managing Anger program for an anger management group where participants learn specific skills to improve social skills and emotion regulation. The juvenile delinquency prevention counselor utilized the Active Parenting for Teens program. The director and clinical supervisor utilized the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach program so that adolescents learn skills to support sobriety. The director and clinical supervisor were trained in the

Safe Dates curriculum, which is designed to teach teens about domestic violence and how to identify and develop healthy relationships.

### GAIL

This program is under the umbrella of CARES. Christal Batey, who attended the council meeting, is the community resource advocate for this program that provides information and support services to seniors and persons with disabilities as well as their families to help them remain in their homes.

The proposed budget is \$337,400, an increase of \$2,000 over the current year budget but \$14,500 more than estimated expenses for this year. Of the total budget, \$326,300 is for personnel expenses for the 3.5 full-time equivalent employees.

Providing 103 hours of service a week, 34 volunteers are expected to aide 60 senior and 50 non-senior clients during the year. Not included are participants in events such as produce/nutrition events.

City staff expect GAIL to provide assistance to 280 existing clients and 90 new ones in addition to providing a number of outreach and group presentation events. GAIL also puts out information through newspaper columns, flyers and brochures to new participants.

Some of the accomplishments and activities of GAIL listed in the budget document are: provided a monthly caregivers support group; offered a memory support group and expanded the program to offer a memory cafe program that allows participants to receive services weekly; participated in the Partners for Wellness program at the Capital Area Food Bank, successfully distributed 97,750 pounds of food in Greenbelt; and hosted the 10th Annual Senior Law Day where Greenbelt residents received free legal assistance for their advanced directives and living wills.

Other accomplishments were: coordinated Breakfast with Santa in partnership with Combined Properties to provide breakfast and gifts for 50 needy children, as well as gifts for their families; coordinated a food drive to provide Thanksgiving baskets for 21 Greenbelt families; expanded services to Greenbelt West resi-

dents through the addition of the bilingual community outreach coordinator; provided a Diaper Baby Mobile Wellness program that provided nursing intern visits to 32 families and 40 babies; with a grant from the DC Diaper Bank launched the new Greenbelt Nursery Project offering new and expecting mothers the opportunity to attend a day-long workshop and receive a nursery bundle that included a stroller, pack and play, baby carrier, car seat, diaper bag and diapers that is expected to serve over 50 residents; and partnered with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department to provide holiday baskets and with Combined Properties to provide \$25 gift cards for Thanksgiving dinners for Green Ridge House residents.

Since 2005, the city has been receiving annual grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for providing a service coordinator at Green Ridge House. Money transferred from Green Ridge House operations supplement the grant funds, making the program free of city tax support. The proposed budget of \$81,500 includes \$76,600 for personnel expenses. The council did not discuss this budget at its worksession but may do so at a worksession on Green Ridge House finances.

## Greenbelt Park Events

Saturday, April 27: Volunteer Trail Crew. Join the Greenbelt volunteer corps to improve the park through stewardship projects. This is a great opportunity to get outdoors and pay it forward while working on a trail maintenance project. Meet at the Ranger Station at 9 a.m. (3 hours).

Saturday, April 27: Campfire Program, How the U.S. Army helped preserve National Parks. How did National Parks survive the early years? Learn more about the early history of National Parks and the involvement of the U.S. Army. Campground guests and the public are welcome at a traditional NPS campfire program under the stars at the Campfire Circle at 8 p.m.

Sunday, April 28: National Park Rx Day. Join a group exercise 1.4 mile walk and 5K run through the park. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area at 9 a.m.; the walk and run will begin at 9:30 a.m.

This is a part of the Healthy Parks Healthy People events throughout the National Parks.

For more information, contact the Greenbelt Park Ranger Station at 301-344-3944.



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

#### GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**Thursday, May 2, 2019**

GHI ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

##### A. GHI Special Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.00 p.m.

- Approve Motion to hold an Executive Session Meeting on May 2, 2019

##### B. GHI Executive Session – begins after the GHI Special Open Session Meeting adjourns

- Approve minutes of Executive Session meeting held on April 4, 2019
- Consider the terms and conditions of the following contracts in the negotiation stage:
  - 2019 Contract for Spring Concrete Repairs - second reading
  - Contract for Repairs to an Addition at 2-P Gardenway and Main Unit at 8-Q Laurel Hill Rd. - second reading
  - 2019 Contract for Parking Lot repairs - first reading
- Member financial matters
- Discuss matters pertaining to a business transaction in the negotiation stage

##### C. GDC Open Session Meeting – begins at 7.45 p.m.

- Establish a Date for the Annual Stockholders' Meeting
- Report on the Operations of GDC for the Year 2018/2019

##### D. GHI Open Session Meeting – begins after GDC Open Session Meeting adjourns

- Approve Minutes of the Special Open Session Meeting Held on April 4, 2019
- Approve Minutes of the Regular Open Session Meeting Held on April 4, 2019
- Member Outreach Committee Semi-annual Report for the Period September 2018 to February 2019
- Review 2018 Year-end Financial Statements
- Request for an Exception to Install a Dog Access Door at 9-M Research Rd.
- Request for an Exception to Replace a Slider Window with a Double-hung Window at 5-L Eastway
- Review Presentations to be made by Three Committees during the Annual Membership Meeting
- Review Communications Committee Report titled "A Comprehensive Communications Plan for GHI in 2019 and Beyond"
- Member Comments re: Proposed Record Retention Policy
- Proposed Revisions to GHI's Sub-lease Policy

## Homeschoolers Earth Day

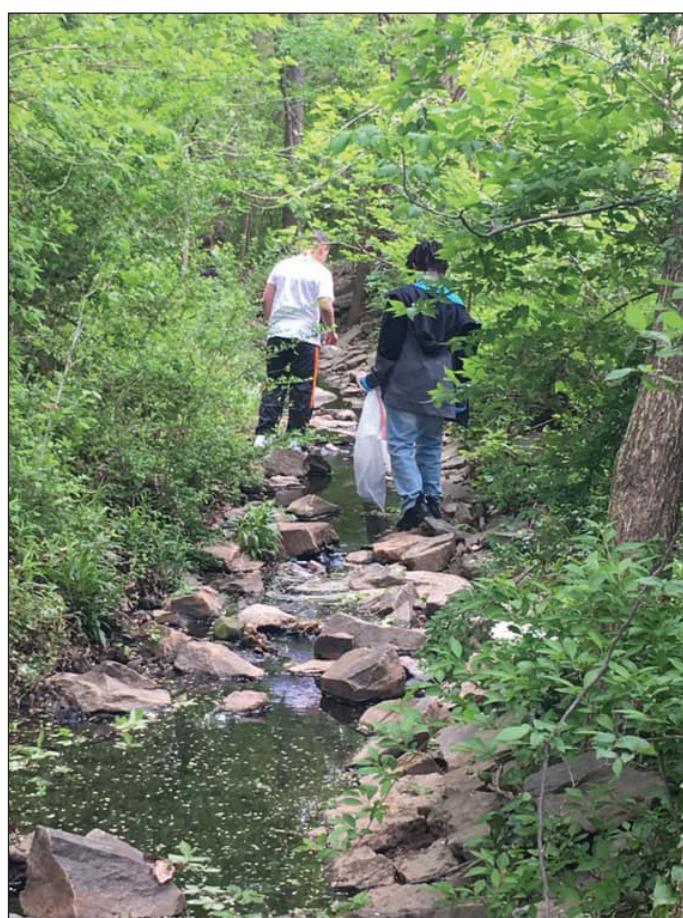


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In honor of Earth Day, two Greenbelt homeschoolers pick up trash from a stream bed. Greenbelt homeschoolers also helped prepare beds at the 3-Sisters Garden, learned about composting and picked up trash.

### Car Auction

April 25 8 a.m.  
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**TOYOTA CORROLA**  
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Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
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# Business

## Business Column Now Open for Business

The News Review invites Greenbelt businesses to submit brief announcements for the business column. Tell us about events such as new employees, anniversaries, awards won, new programs, and other newsworthy items. Send brief (40-50 words) items to [editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com](mailto:editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com).

## Bee Yoga Fusion Welcomes New Teacher Leon-Lierman

Bee Yoga Fusion, celebrating its 10th year of operation, recently welcomed a new yoga teacher, Holly Leon-Lierman, a new resident of Greenbelt. She is teaching

Yoga Nidra and Reiki. Bee Yoga Fusion is located at 111 Centerway above the New Deal Café and the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union in Roosevelt Center.

## Credit Union Welcomes New Member Services Specialist

Greenbelt Federal Credit Union is happy to announce that Latasha Stinnett is joining its staff in a new position as member services specialist. Hers is the face the community will see at community events. Stinnett comes to us with 15 years of financial experience. She will

oversee services provided to members and educate members on credit union services. Participants in the Shred Day on April 27 can meet her and bring personal papers to shred. Check the website at [greenbeltfcu.com](http://greenbeltfcu.com) for more information on Shred Day.



PHOTO BY CYNTHIA COMPRONI

**Latasha Stinnett joins GFCU staff as member services specialist.**

## Nature in Greenbelt



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

This eastern garter snake posing in a local yard is readily identifiable by the yellowish stripes running down its dark back and, particularly when it has just lunched on a salamander or frog, a distinctive checkerboard pattern on its sides. Non-venomous but likely to get angry if bothered, it can grow to 26 inches long and is one of the most abundant snake species found in Maryland.

## Anonymous Disposal Of Prescription Meds

The Greenbelt Police Department, in conjunction with the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), is participating in a free anonymous, no-questions-asked prescription drug takeback on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There are two locations: the Springhill Lake Recreation Center parking lot on Cherrywood Lane in a pop-up tent and the Greenbelt Police Department parking lot on Crescent Road in a pop-up tent. Drivers can hand in medicine without exiting the vehicle. This event allows the public a chance to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Only pills and patches will be accepted; no liquids, needles or other sharps.

According to the DEA, unused and outdated medicines kept in the home are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. They are found to be the cause of a high number of accidental poisonings and overdoses and a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family, friends and home medicine cabinets. The usual methods of disposal of these medicines, flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash, pose potential safety and health hazards.

For more information about the disposal of prescription drugs, call George Mathews, Greenbelt Police public information liaison at 240-508-0238 or visit [DEAdisposal.usdoj.gov](http://DEAdisposal.usdoj.gov).

## Nominations Sought For Youth Award

The Maryland Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism is seeking nominations of youth ages 11 to 18 years old and of youth groups for the inaugural Youth Services Award. The awards will recognize significant volunteer contributions to the state and its citizens for work to change Maryland for the better. Up to ten awards will be given for volunteer service occurring in 2018 and 2019. Award recipients must exemplify a commitment to meeting Maryland's most pressing human and environmental community needs, engage in meaningful service that makes a measurable difference in the community, and represent exceptional acts of kindness with an impact on the greater community. Each nomination received by the posted deadline will be reviewed by a panel of community leaders, volunteers and staff of the Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism. Each recipient and guests will be invited to an awards ceremony in August. Nominations are due Friday, June 7, 2019 by 11:59 p.m. Contact Lola Abdulai, outreach coordinator, Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism, at 410-697-9261 or [rafiat.abdulai@maryland.gov](mailto:rafiat.abdulai@maryland.gov) for more information on eligibility and application requirements.

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to the Greenbelt Police Department.

Fortunately for Trammell and other Greenbelt residents, the police department, Greenbelt Assistance in Living Program (GAIL) and the city administration have made a combined effort and have established the Critically Missing Person Project (CMP), a system for dealing with people who are potential wanderers. The goal is to provide residents the tools to prevent wandering as well as an effective plan in case mentally impaired residents do run away. Registering for the Greenbelt Alert System allows residents to receive emails, texts alerts and phone calls telling you if a Greenbelt resident is missing, with a picture and detailed information on what they look like in order to bring them home. Caregivers can sign up a person who is mentally impaired by completing a registration form for the Greenbelt Police with basic information about the mentally impaired resident and a photo.

The police can put this information on file and distribute it much faster to relevant agencies when required. "Information is everything. The quicker we locate people, the quicker we can get to a happier ending," said George Mathews, public information liaison.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, 6 out 10 people with Alzheimer's or dementia will wander in their lifetime. And every 65 seconds, someone in the United States develops the disease. "They have a basic disconnect from the outside world. It's kind of heartbreaking when that kind of thing happens," said Mathews. The program is intended to help all vulnerable residents, not just senior citizens. "If a person is cognitively impaired they go in that category," said Christal Batey, resource advocate of GAIL. "It allows us to be on top of it rather than be in crisis mode. It is very important to be proactive and register in advance."

In addition, the program offers tips for caretakers to consider when trying to prevent wandering residents, such as using door

alarms to track when a resident is leaving the house.

With three years as a caregiver, Trammell has witnessed the lasting effects of taking care of someone who can't properly differentiate their own ideas from reality. "You can't do anything about it other than try to convince them it doesn't exist. It is very difficult because our minds are not built to change someone else's mind that already has something in they feel is real. It is so unexpected," said Trammell.

However, projects such as CMP make Trammell appreciative of the steps Greenbelt has taken to help the mentally impaired. She also wants to see more changes like that implemented in the state of Maryland. "We are definitely behind the eight ball in terms of Maryland for facilities that help with dementia. But, I'm elated about the city of Greenbelt having this project for support for us caregivers."

Contacts are [www.greenbeltd-md.gov/government/departments/greenbelt-cares/senior-services-programs/critical-missing-persons](http://www.greenbeltd-md.gov/government/departments/greenbelt-cares/senior-services-programs/critical-missing-persons); Waynette Trammell, caregiver, 571-216-3997; George Mathews, public information liaison, 301-474-7200; Christal Batey, GAIL Resource Advocate, 301-345-6660.

*Jamal Williams is a University of Maryland graduate student in journalism reporting for the News Review.*

## Active Parenting Workshops at GES

Two workshops for active parents of Greenbelt Elementary School students will be held in the school's Media Center at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, May 21 and June 11.

On May 21, a workshop on the parent/child cycle will deal with handling anger using the Feelings, Limits, Alternatives, Consequences (FLAC) method. GES parents are asked to RSVP via email to [Kristin.Cahalan@pgcps.org](mailto:Kristin.Cahalan@pgcps.org).

Light refreshments will be served and babysitting will be provided upon request with RSVP.



## NOTICE OF New Deal Café ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**May 5, 2019 1:00 p.m.  
at the Café  
113 Centerway**

**Sign-in & annual dues 12:30 p.m.**

"State of the Café" reports will be presented and discussed

**Elections will be held for:**  
Board of Directors [3 positions]  
Audit Committee [3 positions]

**We encourage members to run for all of these positions**

View the complete agenda  
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# Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,  
[www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police)  
 Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robbery

April 13, 11:20 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive. Two men armed with handguns approached a food delivery person when he entered an apartment building to make a delivery. They went through his pockets and took his cell phone, car keys and money, and then fled on foot. One of the men is described as being black, 5 feet 4 inches tall, with a thin build, hair shaved on the sides and spiked on top, wearing dark clothing and a mask.

## Assault

April 13, 9 a.m., 7900 block Candlewood Place. A real estate agent reported that a 47-year-old resident allegedly threatened her while brandishing a handgun. He was investigated and released pending further investigation.

## Theft

April 11, 9:45 p.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway. A package was taken from the front door area of a residence.

April 14, 6:35 p.m., 7400 block Greenbelt Road. Two unattended cell phones were taken from a fitting room at Ross Dress for Less.

April 16, noon, 7700 block Ora Court. A piece of diagnostic equipment was taken from a utility pole.

April 17, 10 a.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane. A man brought a woman to his hotel room. He fell asleep and when he woke up he discovered that she had left and his laptop computer, cell phone, watch and wallet were missing.

## Stooges vs. Hitler Free Movie at OGT

The Three Stooges made Hitler the butt of their jokes in You Nazty Spy, showing on Tuesday, May 14 at 8 p.m. at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Four 20-minute short 1940 films – You Nazty Spy, I'll Never Heil Again, Back From the Front and Gents Without Cents – make up the show. The films satirized Hitler to publicize the Nazi threat, while the United States was still neutral about World War II and isolationist sentiment was prevalent.

This free show is sponsored by James William Thompson, who asks viewers to nominate You Nazty Spy for inclusion in the National Film Registry of the Library of Congress.

## Buying a Home How, When, Why

On Friday, April 26 Bee Yoga Fusion is hosting a free event called Buying a Single-Family Home: The How, When and Why. The public is invited to join a discussion with real estate agents Kim Kash and Jenn Klarman, who will be sharing expert tips on the process of buying a home. Attendees can expect to learn the right time to buy and to know the benefits of buying vs. renting. Bee Yoga Fusion invites everyone wanting to attend to make a reservation for the event at [BeeYogaFusion.com](http://BeeYogaFusion.com). Snacks will be provided. The event will be held at 111 Centerway (second floor) above the Greenbelt Credit Union.

## Trespass

April 16, 5:35 p.m., 6000 block Greenbelt Road. A 50-year-old resident was arrested and charged with trespass after he was found on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after having been banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

## Vandalism

April 11, 8:30 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway. The outer pane of a kitchen window was broken out, possibly with a BB gun.

April 13, 9:19 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive. A rock was used to break out the bedroom window of a residence.

## Vehicle Crime

A 2017 Buick Regal reported stolen December 4 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive was recovered April 16 by Prince George's County police in the 9500 block Smith Avenue in Lanham.

A man in the 9100 block Springhill Lane observed three school-age boys and one girl jump on his rental vehicle on April 10 and then flee on foot. The roof and hood were dented. All wore green polo shirts and khaki pants.

A woman in the 7700 block Hanover Parkway observed two school-age girls kick and scratch the paint on her vehicle on April 10 and then flee on foot.

A cell phone was taken in the 6200 block Springhill Court from a possibly unlocked vehicle. Four rims and tires were taken in the 400 block Ridge Road and front tags were taken in the 9100 block Springhill Lane.

*The Department is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter.*

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*People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 240-542-2145.*



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(19 incidents) in Greenbelt East, and 11 percent (13 incidents) in Historic Greenbelt.

### Property Crime

Property crimes comprise the majority of crime with 723 incidents, over six times greater than the number of violent crimes. As a group, property crimes accounted for 86 percent of the total Greenbelt crime in 2018. The majority of property crimes, 55 percent (401), occurred in Greenbelt West, 31 percent (226) in Greenbelt East, and the remaining 13 percent (96) in Historic Greenbelt.

### Geography of Crime

Geographically, the majority of crime incidents, 58 percent (486), occurred in Greenbelt West, 29 percent (245) in Greenbelt East and 13 percent (109) in Historic Greenbelt. While the city experienced an overall crime decrease of 9 percent, this decrease was not uniform. Greenbelt West experienced a crime decrease of 1 percent, while Greenbelt East and Historic Greenbelt experienced an increase of 14 percent and 23 percent respectively.

### Performance Measures

The department responded to 24,006 calls for service, a decrease of 6 percent from 2017. Adult arrests decreased 18 percent from 348 to 284 arrests, while juvenile arrests decreased 16 percent from 56 to 47 arrests.

Officers made 2,297 traffic stops, a 32 percent decrease from 2017. Officers issued 1,834 citations (17 percent decrease) and wrote a combined 2,691 warnings and equipment repair orders (31 percent decrease). Commensurate with the traffic stops were 65 driving under the influence arrests (31 percent decrease) and 212 other traffic related arrests (13 percent decrease). Officers were out of their cruisers patrolling neighborhoods and businesses on 3,852 occasions, a 12 percent increase. The number of property damage traffic crashes increased 3 percent from 1,063 to 1,099; personal injury crashes decreased 3 percent from 120 to 116. There were two fatal crashes in the city. One resulted in the death of a pedestrian on the ramp from southbound Kenilworth Avenue to Greenbelt Road. The other involved the death of a motorist and was investigated by the Prince George's County Police as the crash involved a county owned vehicle.

### Automated Traffic Enforcement

The Red Light Camera Program generated 5,903 violations, a 16 percent increase from 2017. There had been a decrease in 2017, a result of several enforcement sites being damaged by vehicle collisions and inoperative during repairs. The Speed Camera Program recorded 15,084 infractions.

tions, a 9 percent increase from 2017.

### Clearance Rate

The clearance rate for cases investigated by Greenbelt officers was 24 percent. A crime is cleared when police have identified the offender, have evidence to charge and actually take the offender into custody. Solutions to crimes are also recorded in exceptional circumstances where

some element beyond police control precludes formal charges against the offender, such as the victim's refusal to prosecute, or local prosecution is declined because the subject is being prosecuted elsewhere for a crime committed in that jurisdiction. The arrest of one person can clear several crimes or several persons may be arrested in the process of clearing one crime.



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Members of a Greenbelt Police Patrol Squad enjoy some fun with the kids at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Sergeant Scott Kaiser, Sharnese Hawkins, Officer Michael Thomas and Officer Rakibur Rahman shoot some hoops.



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A fox kit was stuck in the fence by the playground at the top of Ridge Road on Wednesday evening, April 17. The kit was rescued by Officer Travis Wagner of the Greenbelt Police.



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**At the Library****Teen Advisory Board**

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**Ready to Read**

Tuesday, April 30, 7 p.m., for ages 3 to 5, limit 30 people. Wednesday, May 1, 10:15 a.m., for newborn to age 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s); 11:15 a.m., for ages 2 to 3, limit 30 people. Thursday, May 2, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., for newborn to age 2, limit 15 babies with parent(s)/caregiver(s).

Encourage children to make reading a positive experience by bringing them to the library's storytimes. Each program includes a mixture of engaging activities and age-appropriate stories that support early literacy. Stop by the Information Desk immediately prior to each session to pick up free tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. No advance registration available.

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**City Notes**

Refuse/Recycling collected 32.04 tons of refuse and 12.85 tons of recyclable material.

Horticulture/Parks' Jason Martin successfully passed the Certified Horticulturist exam.

Youth Center/Springhill Lake/Park Rangers/Greenbelt Kids provided fun for kids on spring break. Spring campers went to Sky Zone, Climb Zone, Greenbelt Theatre, the pool and Buddy Attick Park. Fast Break Clinic provided a great workout, basketball training and a pizza party. Mom's Morning Out Preschoolers enjoyed egg dyeing, crafts and stories as well as their usual curriculum. Saturday's Egg Hunt featured Mandy the Clown.

Aquatic & Fitness Center hosted over 100 participants for the Underwater Egg Hunt.

At an Art Share local artists shared feedback and networking. Applications are being accepted for the artist-in-residence program and for the Festival of Lights Juried Art and Craft Fair.

Community Center's Stephen Parks received the Maryland Recreation and Parks Association Member of the Year award. For Karen Haseley, retired Therapeutic Recreation supervisor, the association's Retired Life Award recognized her career of service and accomplishment.

Park Rangers spoke with youth visitors about the importance of leaving turtles in the lake, sharing the Leave No Trace principle: Respect Wildlife. Rangers supported the HUG Walk and the Doctors Community 5k Walk.

Animal Control rescued a goose and transported it to rehab, picked up two dead animals and sent one turtle to foster care. Two dogs and two cats were surrendered, three stray dogs were captured and returned to their owner. One dog and two cats were adopted.

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**Underwater Egg Hunt**

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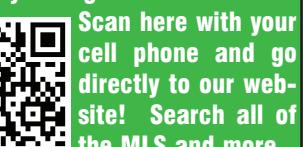
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# Golden Agers Gather in April To Celebrate Annual Luncheon

by Mary Moien

T.S. Eliot called April the cruellest month. And who looks forward to April 15? But for the Greenbelt Golden Age Club members, April is one of the best months of the year. It is the month of their Annual Luncheon.

On April 17 at the College Park Holiday Inn, about 80 members celebrated another great year. In addition, some councilmembers and recreation department staff attended, as well as City Manager Nicole Ard.

Thanks go out to Joan Baker who organized the luncheon. Long-time member Bunny Fitzgerald, who recently moved to be closer to her daughter, returned to Greenbelt for the party and spoke about the history of the club. It is said the Greenbelt Golden Age Club is the oldest senior's club in the county.

Members look forward to the 50-50 drawing at this luncheon, and this year Bob Baker and Wayne Williams were the winners.

Stephanie Dailey and Company provided rousing entertainment. Wayne Wilentz sang and accompanied Dailey on keyboard. Dailey wowed the group with her powerful vocal renditions of both old and new Broadway hits. Dailey had several costume changes that kept the audience abuzz wondering how she would appear next. Changes included a jazz outfit, a Flamenco-style outfit and a Glinda the Good Witch costume complete with crown and wand.

Guests sang along with several songs, ending the show with a rousing Somewhere Over the Rainbow.



Long-time member Bunny Fitzgerald (left) returns to Greenbelt for the event and addresses the group. Next to her is Club President, Marti Galvin, who also spoke.



Irma Butcher and Nancy McAllister enjoy the luncheon.

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John Henry Jones (rear), Barry Moien (left), Warren Wilcox and Jim Marley collect for the 50/50 raffle.

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Robin Olson, Ellen Weiss and Marcie Lissauer pose for the camera.

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Stephanie Dailey and company perform at the luncheon.

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Maria Snoddy, Kathy Reynolds and Rosalie Thomas attend the luncheon.

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